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EMIRATES ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP



Inter-College Environmental Public Speaking Competition © Rules and Regulations

1. REGISTRATION

The **registration** should reach us latest by **25th September 2026** and upon your submission of the registration, EEG will send an email acknowledging the receipt of your details. The registration fee should reach us latest by **16th October 2026**, to enable you to secure your slot at the competition.

2. TOPIC

Every college/university can send a maximum of 4 teams from 4 different colleges (one college cannot send more than one team or else all the teams will face disqualification).

Topics
1. Nature Positive Economies: Are We Ready for a World Where Ecosystems Come First?
2. Food Systems on the Brink: Is Sustainable Agriculture the Only Way Forward?
3. The Future of Medicine: Can Healthcare be Truly Sustainable?
4. Crisis Below our Feet: Can Soil Restoration Address Climate Change?

- Every university/college is required to register the names of a minimum of 3 or a maximum of 5 members per team and one accompanying faculty member, as well as the chosen topics no later than the deadline, mentioned in (point 1).
- Please note that the entire team is responsible for speaking and facilitating the presentation. **Each team member has to contribute during the presentation. The research should be the product of a team work. Points will be deducted if the whole team is not involved.**
- Since slots are limited for each topic, the participants will be given the topic of their choice on a first-come-first-serve basis. **(In case many participating teams select the same topic, the first comers will be given priority and they will have the chance to research the topic of their choice while the other teams will be asked to research another topic).**
- Participants have the choice of the medium of presentation (Arabic/English).
- Please ensure that the names submitted online are clear and of the correct spelling **AS THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES IN SPELLING AFTER REGISTRATION.** In the case a certain member of the team changes, please inform EEG, **latest by the 16th October 2026**, to enable the Group to absorb the change.
- A registration fee of **AED 720/- per team (VAT inclusive) for EEG non-member universities** and **AED 575/- per team (VAT inclusive) for EEG member universities** has to be submitted along with the online registration. This fee is non-refundable and every team will get a confirmation of registration only upon receiving the fee.
- A panel of 4 bilingual judges who are eminent environmentalists and experts from public and private sectors of the UAE will adjudicate the competition.

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10. The criteria for judging will be as follows:
 - a. Clarity of speech and team work 10 points
 - b. Originality of idea 15 points
 - c. Environmental impact/solution 15 points
 - d. Presentation of research evidence 10 points
11. On the day of the event, the students are required to know the order they are presenting in as there will be no extra time in between presentations. EEG will send the schedule of presentations to all the participating institutions beforehand, which will be accurate as of on the day of its submission. However, the timing and order of each presentation is subject to change on the day of the competition due to unforeseen circumstances (ex. A team is late or cancels participation).
12. **On the day of the event, each team will be responsible for checking the updated schedule which we will displayed in the foyer of the event venue.** Students are expected to be ready, for their presentations according to the agenda. The exact timings will be shared with all the teams one week before the event.
13. The participants are required to submit a soft copy of their power point presentation to EEG **no later than 5th November 2026.**
14. **Should any institution need to amend its presentation after the last date of submission, the rule of negative marking will apply (A minus of 5 points will apply if you send in amended presentations a week before the event and a minus of 10 points will apply if an amended presentation is brought on the day of the event).**
15. Any revisions in the presentations on the day of the event will not be accommodated. Please complete your presentations on time so as to avoid disappointment on the day of the event.
16. Each team will be given exactly **10 minutes** to present.
17. **All presentations should be sent to the EEG office in MS powerpoint format. In case of video clippings/music files that go along with the presentations, they should be embedded in mp4/.avi format. EEG encourages the creation and incorporation of original videos, infographics and animations.**
18. **The presentations must use basic font (Calibri) and in case any presentation contains a special font, the team should download the special font and should be sent along with the presentation. Any hindrance encountered during the presentation, EEG will not be held responsible.**
19. Kindly note that there will be a live broadcast for the event on YouTube this year, to allow all participating universities to see the whole competition. **This broadcast will be interrupted if any copyrighted music is shared.** It is strictly advised not to use any copyrighted videos and cause disturbance in the broadcast.

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20. Reading from the paper will entail negative points for the participants.
21. International Students will have to comply to UAE's entry rules when applying for visa and visitor protocols.
22. All the teams will be given a feedback form after the event, which has to be filled and submitted to EEG team at the venue or online to be able to receive certificates.

VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

- a. The teams are expected to download the virtual communication platform app that EEG plans to use. The Name of the platform will be sent one week before the competition.
 - b. Please ensure that there is a good internet connectivity for clarity in both visual and audio.
 - c. The participating entities are encouraged to be present and watching the webinar competition throughout.
 - d. Any delay in connection without a valid reason when the institution's name is called, will be subjected to negative scoring by the panel of judges present.
23. Kindly note that there will be a live broadcast for the event on YouTube to allow the participating universities from the other Countries to see the whole competition. **This broadcast will be interrupted if any copyrighted music is shared.** It is strictly advised not to use any copyrighted videos and cause disturbance in the broadcast.

AWARDS

The awards will be as follows:

- a. 4 category winners will each be awarded individual **Crystal trophies**.
- b. The runners up in all the 4 topics and over all runners up will be given **framed Certificates**.
- c. The college/university with the highest total marks will be awarded the **Annual Rolling Trophy** and will get to keep the trophy for one full year.
- d. Every participating college/university including the team members and the coordinating faculty members will be given **Certificates of Participation (PDF)**.
- e. If a college/university manages to win three times, it gets to keep the rolling trophy.

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